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Docket No. : 52433/750

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : M. SUGIMOTO et al.
Application No. : 10/753,851
Filed : JANUARY 7, 2004
For : STEEL PIPE POLE BASE AND REINFORCING METHOD THEREOF

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

SIR:

This is a Statement of Substance of Interview for the personal interview in the above-identified patent application conducted on August 10, 2006.

The applicants and the applicants' attorney thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview.

Exhibit – Demonstration

There were no exhibits shown or demonstrations conducted.

Claims

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 were discussed.

Prior Art

All prior art references cited were discussed.

Proposed Amendment

A proposed amendment discussed is set forth at page 3 of the Interview Summary (PTOL-413), a copy of which was given by the Examiner to the applicants' attorney at the conclusion of the August 10, 2006 interview.

Principal Arguments

Applicants' attorney argued that U.S. Patent No. 6,467,321 to Prokopenko et al. only disclosed that peening, in general, was known in the art and did not disclose or suggest the location of peening in a structure comprising a steel pipe pole base reinforced with ribs welded to the steel pipe base.

Other Pertinent Matters

No other pertinent matters were discussed in the interview.

Results

Agreement with respect to the claims was not reached in the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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